

## CHAPTER 24:43:11

### CURRICULUM

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**24:43:11:09 Course equivalency exam** – course equivalency exams may be administered by districts if they have received the approval for waiver from administrative rule to offer equivalency exams for a specific content area;

(1) Course equivalency exam:

- (a) If the South Dakota Department of Education (DOE) has a course equivalency exam available, the State exam may be used; and
- (b) If a course equivalency exam is not available from the State, the district may create an exam, standards-based when applicable. The exam must be approved by the State before it may be administered.

(2) Credit shall be granted by equivalency exam based on the following:

- (a) The student must pass the exam with at least 85% proficiency;
- (b) The course equivalency exam must be passed on the first attempt for credit to be issued;
- (c) Credit shall be included on the student transcript as a “pass” grade only upon achieving 85% proficiency or above and shall not be calculated as a part of a student’s cumulative grade point average;
- (d) Failed attempts on the course equivalency exam shall not be included on a student’s transcript and shall not be calculated as a part of a student’s cumulative grade point average;
- (e) If a student wishes to have a letter grade for the test out included on his or her transcript as a means of scholarship eligibility or entrance into a post-secondary institution, a formal request may be made to that student’s school district to have a “course grade” included. The “course grade” should be a letter grade that is equivalent to the student’s test score on the course equivalency exam. The “course grade” shall not be calculated as a part of the student’s cumulative grade point average;
- (f) The school district must proctor and score the exam; and
- (g) The DOE should receive a roster of participants, including the students’ name, grade in school, district attendance center, and percentage on completed exam before the start of the proceeding school year.

**General Authority:** SDCL [13-1-12.1](#), [13-3-47](#).

